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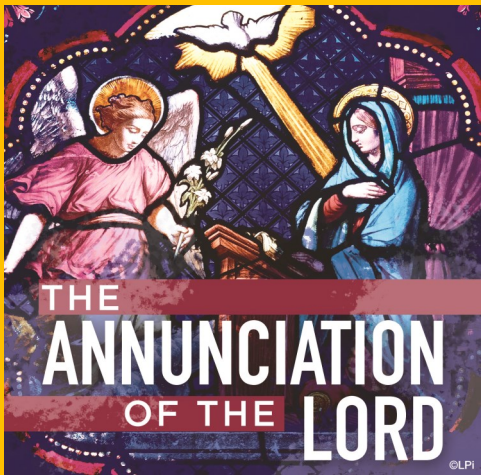
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



CELEBRATING
**WOMEN'S
HISTORY
MONTH**

FRIDAY
FISH FRY

4:30PM – 6:30 PM



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PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

Emmanuel Catholic Church which means, **God is with us**, is a faithful community of believers dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service. As a parish family of God, we live by faith, truth, and love as we value the sanctity of life in all its stages and make the Holy Eucharist the center of our lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the consultation with our parish ministries, we desire to be witnesses of God's presence as we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with God's Family.

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Gaudioso Zamora

Parish Vicar

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ihedoro

In Residence

Rev. Fr. Joseph Papes

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Rev. Fr. Timothy Canaan

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Guild

President Nancy McDonald

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Bob Budd

Legion of Mary

President Maude Cassagnol



PARISH REGULAR SCHEDULE

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Every Friday at 6:30pm—7:30pm
(after 6:00pm Mass) except for First Fridays.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Every Thursday after the 8:30am mass
or call the parish office

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 1:00pm. Schedule one month in advance.
Contact Parish Office.

WEDDINGS

Contact Deacon Tony at least 6 months in advance

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

5:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Monday & Wednesday **8am-1:00pm**

Tuesday Closed

Thursday & Friday **8am-1pm**

Saturday Closed

4th Sunday of the Month **10:00AM- 1:30PM**

NOTE: Gift shop will be closed when the parish office is closed

ROSARY GROUP

Monday—Friday after the 7:30am Daily Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after the 8:30am Mass

SCHEDULE CHANGES?

Do you want to make sure there have been no sudden time changes to any event or activity you want to join this week? Call the parish office during business hours.

561.496.2480

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24

6:30A..... Adoration
1:00P..... Movie Mondays
6:00P..... Legion of Mary Meeting

Tuesday, March 25

6:30A..... Adoration
10:00A..... Faith Sharing
7:00P..... KoC General Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

6:30A..... Adoration
2:00P..... School of Christian Formation
4:00P..... SoulCore

Thursday, March 27

6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Anointing of the Sick
3:00P..... Holy Hour
6:30P..... AA Meeting

Friday, March 28

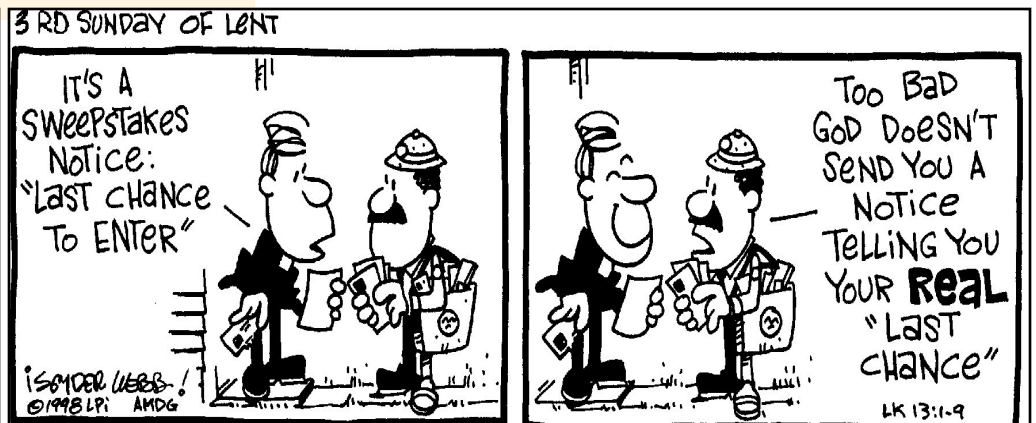
6:30A..... Adoration
9:00A..... Station of the Cross/around the lake
4:30P..... Fish Fry
5:30P..... Station of the Cross/Church
6:30P..... Taize

Saturday, March 29

9:00A..... Confession

Sunday, March 30

1:00P..... OCIA Class



CLERGY & MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 24

7:30A Fr. Zamora 8:30A Fr. Zamora
12:00P Fr. Carr

Tuesday, March 25

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Carr
12:00P Fr. Theo

Wednesday, March 26

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Theo
12:00P Fr. Leone

Thursday, March 27

7:30A Fr. Theo 8:30A Fr. Zamora
12:00P Fr. Timothy

Friday, March 28

7:30A Fr. Carr 8:30A Fr. Timothy
12:00P Fr. Theo 6:00P Fr. Zamora

Saturday, March 29

8:30A Fr. Theo
4:00P Fr. Fr. Zamora 5:30P Fr. Zamora

Sunday, March 30

7:30A Fr. Theo 9:00A Fr. Carr
10:00A NA 10:30A Fr. Carr
12:00P Fr Leone 6:00P Fr. Theo

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

MARCH



OUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 16, 2025

First Collection	\$ 15,228.00
Second Collection	\$ 3,190.00
Kids' Mass	\$ 653.00
Online (03/15)	\$ 2,41.87
TOTAL	\$ 21,212.87

March 09, 2025

First Collection	\$ 15,129.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,679.00
Kids' Mass	\$ 562.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 11.130.00
Online (03/08)	\$ 2,674.78
TOTAL	\$ 31,174.78

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Goal Amount for Emmanuel	\$185,000.00
Current	\$ 16,965.08
Remaining Balance	\$ 168,034.92

Thank you all for your continued support
and generosity!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 23—MARCH 30, 2025 | 05

SCHEDULED INTENTION

Monday, March 24

7:30am †Cesar J. Hidalgo by Soledad Robinson

8:30am †Ruth Lee by Son in-law

12:00pm †Rafael Urdaneta by Wife

†Anthony Longano by Patricia Brennan

†Aref & Louise Saoud by Family

†Giovanni Grammatico by Caterina Parrino

Tuesday, March 25

7:30am †Joseph Anastasi by Cookie Anastasi

8:30am †John Trepanier by Woodruff Family

12:00pm †Patricia & Bryan V. Cascio by Vincent J. Cascio

*Tyler Gidseg by Didi Gidseg

†Nancy Barker by Mom & Children

†Josephine Buononato by Marcia & David White

Wednesday, March 26

7:30am †Venusto M. Bengua by Family

8:30am †Mary L. Ondrako by Son Richard

12:00pm *Jamie Lynn Ghaffar by Tom & Clara Depko

†Naomi Ulett by Alex Lee

†Beverlee Mulligan by Patricia King

*Mark Cross by Larry & Michaelene Hearn

Thursday, March 27

7:30am †John & Mary Mottola by Ted & Fran Souza

8:30am †Maria Jesus Lopez by Herb

12:00pm *Elaine Galant-Yameen by Husband

*Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wright by Alex Lee

†Anthony & Tina by Carol & John

†Ida Bunone by Maria & Tony Ferazoli

Friday, March 28

7:30am †John Ballatore by Wife Cheryl

8:30am †Kevin Flynn by _____

12:00pm *Elaine Galant-Yameen by Husband

6:00pm **FOR PRIESTS**

†Michele Leonhard by Cheryl Ballatore

*Edward Sikora by Mom

*Maria & Dave Eschner by Larry & Michaelene Hearn

FOR PRIESTS

Saturday, March 29

8:30am †Bonnie Buriel by Herb

†Anthony Manuele by Rose Manuele

4:00pm **BOOK OF THE DEAD**

5:30pm †John Palmieri Jr. by Mother

†Marie Schultz by Nanci & Mickey Mildenberger

*Sonia Torres by _____

BOOK OF THE DEAD

†Carl Haller by Donna Walsh & Family

Sunday, March 30

7:30am †Carmella Battilana by Cookie Anastasi

9:00am †Henry Martini Jr. by Sister

†Rodrigo Simbajon by Bella Simbajon

10:30am **PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS**

12:00pm †Conchetta & Giuseppe Atanasio by Mr. & Mrs. Atanasio

6:00pm †Doreen Romano by Lucarelli Family

†Vinny Rizzo by Wife

†Elizabeth Rooney by Family

†Frank Pulizzi by John Pulizzi

PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

†Fred Calandrino by Eugene & Madeline Amico

†Anthony Louis Mare by Mr. & Mrs. Lou Potenza

UNSCHEDULED

†Harold B. Dalton by Robert Dalton †Margaret M. Dalton by Robert Dalton †Helen R. Dalton by Robert Dalton

†Julia D. Greeley by Robert Dalton †Maria Belgica Rocha by Robert Dalton †Jose Maria Morales by Robert Dalton

†Veronica C. Dundon by Robert Dalton †Joanne Reiner by Price Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

VIGIL LIGHTS

SHRINE FLOWERS

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

For men and women in the Armed Forces, and their families: AND FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

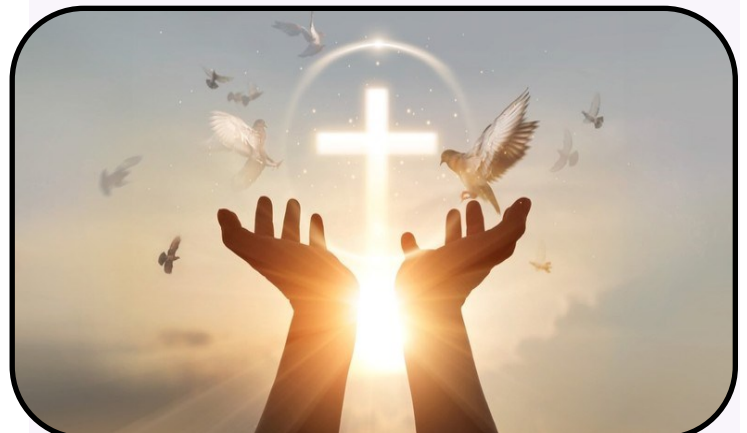
Scott Ellison	Patricia Tripi	Thomas Land
Evangeline Ezeilo	Giraldo	Agatha Saccio
Michael Gehres	Ida Giannettina	Robert Albertson
Karen Sullivan	Tom Hickey	Rafael Botero
Sean Zahul	Josette Weber	Albert Fernandes
Darren Guzman	Vincent Rizzo	Doreen Romano
Mary Lou	Louis Perticone	Britney Closson
Connie Panepinto	Ann Cavaseno	Jeanette Gallegos
Amalia Mazzolin	Charles C. Tufano	Adriana Elejalde
Leon Martin	Angela Discepola	Oswaldo Cesar
Joe Delagami	Anna Halford	Monasterio
Rose Marie	Sal Yanello	Michael Cecere
Regner	Victor Rivera	Jahaziel Roldan
Michael Manuele	William Lindner	Abigail Chin-Lenn
Carla Ruiz	Lisa Della Femina	Gertrudis Rivera
Benjamin Robelo	Maria E. Quiñones	Martinez
Karen McCarty	Mercado	Merrill Tucker
T.J. Genzale	Diane Daniels	Debra Tucker
Dave Ruiz	Carmen Jones	Maggie Dazzo
Victoria Robelo	Bill Hamilton	Martha Gutzman
Ms. S.	Ralph Senese	Noah Altherios
Rose Borsella	Ramona	Debra Serritella
Lexie Helgerson	Ash Gaballah	Joseph Reategui
David Smeraldo	Karen Ramey	Anthony Spirito
Janette Cole	Tom Tripi	Rhea Reacher
Steven Martin	Mary Ann	Doug Rodgers
Sikes	Lisa Payne	Doris Vourinen
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Suzanne Puleo	Joseph	Danny Berciles
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OSC	Phyllis Lomitola	Hajko
Mary Loveland	Maria Amaro	Eleanor Hemmer
Sam Falcone	Aniela Ignaczak	Joseph Lauria
Patricia Golstein	Lillian Campayno	Judy Lew
Taylor Dosh	Terry Schwing	Ernie Skelton
Marilyn Martino	Tom D'Amico	Carlotta
Gulshan Modena	Gabriel Zamora	Josefa & Dolores
Maggie Dolan	Vincent Blum	Echavarria
Amelita Coz-	Ricardo Blum	Amparo Longalong
Zarraga	Gina Marie B.	Annie Lee
Heather Martin	Cohen	Eugene Langel
Ronald Griffiths	David Strompf	Delma Langel
Margie Giaquinto	Sal Hanono	William Ward
Maria Fernandez	Heather Smith	Cindy Free
Raphael Roman	Jason Smith	Gaetano Sansone
James Ezeilo	Ronald Merhige	Alexis Thompson
Brenda Ezeilo	Roshan	Griffin Bates
Cynthia Martin	Karen Jensen	Miriam Texeira
Francis Martin	Cynthia Martin	Kevin Marshall
Hermoine D'Cruz	Garry Solomon	Mary Elaine
Brigitte Knops	Ilda Sosa Botero	Yemmen
Toni Kreamer	Carlos Tobon	Andrea Anastasi
Gerry Gerhard	Jill Forshey	
Euclides Cerutti	Gerry Santilli	
Samuel Gonzales	Gail Hill	
Victorio	Chrissie Budrick	
Ray Wolff	Frank Dazzo	
	Dina Quelch	
	Stewart Librizzi	

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION . Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, Son of the Living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me this day as I partake of your mystical supper, O Son of God. May the partaking of your holy mysteries, O Lord be not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of body and soul. I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send your workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY. Almighty God We stand before you in supplication, Asking Your Divine mercy and protection, To envelop with Your invincible armor, Our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical, And hasten their safe journey, Back to their homes and families. If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom, With the eternal vanguard of the saints, Let their journey to Your everlasting arms Be swift and painless, Where they may stand in honor and glory, Praising You for all eternity. Amen



BAD BEGINNING ... GOOD ENDING

Experience tells us that a bad beginning essentially assumes a bad ending. No wonder architects and engineers spend so much time drawing out plans and blueprints before building a structure. Companies spend a lot of resources making feasibility studies before embarking on a business project. We can add more similar examples, but they all teach us the principle: a bad beginning would lead to a bad ending.

The principle, however, cannot be said to be necessarily true in our spiritual life. Who among us, for instance, has not sinned? Who among us has not abused and offended the goodness of God?

There is a constant tension in us between what we are and what we should be, between what we actually do and what we ought to do. St. Paul said in his letter to the Romans, "I don't do the good I want to

do; instead, I do the evil that I do not want to do"

Jesus told this parable (Luke 13:6) of a man who had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he came out looking for a fruit on it after three years but did not find any. Instead of cutting it down, the tree was given another chance.

We represent the tree. God will be looking out for fruits in us. In any event, God is giving us a chance to prove our worth and usefulness.

It's never too late to look into ourselves and respond to his call of conversion. Do not be afraid. Our responsorial psalm today reminds us: "The Lord is kind and merciful." A bad beginning condemns one to a bad ending. In his love and mercy, a bad beginning leads to a good ending. Forget our bad beginnings. We all love happy endings, don't we? It happened to many people. Let it happen to us. Amen.
-Fr Zamora

The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9;

Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Reflection. Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.



Congratulations to our Confirmandi *Class of 2025*

Congratulations to our newly confirmed members! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and empower them on their journey of faith. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Most Reverend Bishop Gerald Barbarito, Fr. Gaudioso Zamora, Fr. Brian King, Fr. Theo Ihedoro, Deacon Jacob Gwyn, Jean Krokus-Capizola, Sandra Gallegos, and the Emmanuel Staff for their presence on this special day. We are also deeply grateful to Mr. Jerome Plummer for his dedication in preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A special thank you to the parents, who have been the first teachers of the faith, and to the sponsors, who will continue to offer their guidance to the newly confirmed as they walk in faith.



Pictured above: Alexander Gomez Aguirre, Andres A. Prieto, Angel Lerma Torres, Angela C. Arandela, Brandon Juvera, Brody A. Basso, Chyriece C. Perido, Dazha L. Melito, Evelyn J. Austin, Evelyn Niño, Isabella M. Antal, Jaeson Ramirez, Jayden F. Ramirez, Jordy O. Valladares, Jose Isabel Aguirre, Kylie Ann Closson, Luis D. Romero, Michael V. Capizola, Oscar Niño Tellez, Peter Arencibia. Heriberto Clara-Cisneros and Jonathan Gomez.



**May the Holy Spirit
Light Your Way**

PRACTICING CHRISTIAN



SCAN HERE TO RSVP

You're invited!

FULLY ALIVE YOUNG ADULTS

CONNECT, GROW, THRIVE!

Are you a young adult at Emmanuel Catholic Church seeking community and a deeper faith? Join Fully Alive Young Adults (FAYA) for guided discussions with The Rescue Project. Engage in meaningful conversations about faith, build community, and discover what it means to live fully alive. Don't forget to bring a journal and pen!

Join us this Friday March 28th at 5:30pm for the Emmanuel Fish Fry. Come get some food and enjoy fellowship with other young adults (ages 18-40).

After dinner join us as we pray the stations of the cross around the pond at 6:30pm



Thank you so much for all generous donors who came through to support our food drive for Catholic Charities

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example,
and they have been written down as a warning to us,
upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

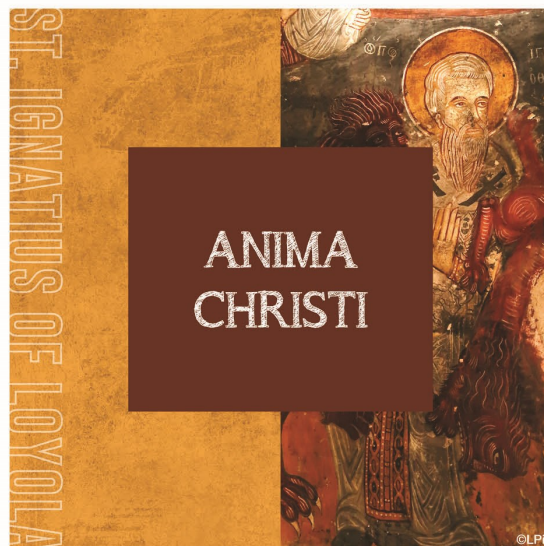
Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Devotions, *Explained!*

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Prayer of Lent

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.

Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave — the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin — while still damaging to the human heart and human society — are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

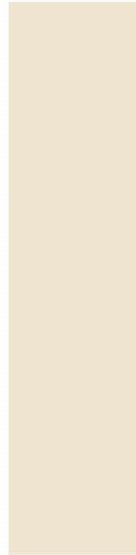
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'"

- Lk 13:6-7

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

God reveals to Moses that He has heard the cry of His people, and He is coming to rescue them from slavery in Egypt. What prayer do you need answered from God?

Second Reading:

Paul believed the mistakes of the Israelites in the desert serve as an example and a warning of what to avoid in our journey with God. How might you show gratitude to God this upcoming week of Lent?

Gospel:

Jesus taught one must repent to bear good fruit in life. Can you think of some good fruit you have borne from repenting?



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